ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

Compositions and methods for cleaning contact lenses employing one or more nonionic polyether surfactants having a HLB of less than 12 in an amount effective to reduce the amount of lipids on the contact lenses, thus rendering the contact lenses easier to clean. Additionally, by soaking contact lenses in the composition prior to inserting the lens on the eye, the compositions provide a prophylactic effect in preventing lipid deposition while the contact lens is worn.